FACTS ABOUT FISH.

Close of the Annual Meeting of the Culturists' Association.

DESTRUCTIVE MARINE WORMS

Robert B. Roosevelt on the Reproductive Habits of Eels.

The eighth annual meeting of the American Fish Culturists' Association, and by far the most important and interesting which has been held since the asso-ciation was formed, was brought to a close yesterday Association. The papers read and discussed were not pertinent merely to fish culture and protection, but had a wider scope, affecting the entire shipping and commercial interests of the nation. During the day an election of officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following result:—President—Mr. Robert B. Roosevelt. Vice President—George S. Messrs. B. Phillips and James Arnim. Executive Committee—B. L. Hewitt, G. Brown Goode, Samuel ilmot, Benjamin West, Theodore Gill and J. B. Fergusen. An interesting paper was read by the secretary from Dr. Heath on the dytiscus margnialis, • water bug very dangerous to trout.

BUINOUS MARINE BORERS. A most interesting paper was read by the Vice President, Mr. George Shepard Page, on "The Teredo Navalis and the Limnoria Terebraus and their Rav-ages on Wood under Water." Mr. Page said:—

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These marine animals abound in most of our waters both in the Atlantic and Pacific. They are far more destructive to the docks and shipping under water than the decay which occurs above water. It is on record that oak piles eighteen inches in diameter have been completely cut off at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western coal docks, Hoboken, in one season. The average length of life of docks about our harbor is but six years, and at points where the current has free sweep and away from the outlet of sewers the teredo is exceedingly prolific and works with terrible rapidity. They are inached from an egg, millions of which are deposited, and the hatching process occurs almost as soon as the eggs are emitted. When the current is strong they are carried at once to submerged timber or to the hulls of vessels. They are already armed with a wonderfully effective, hard, shelly boring apparatus. This is a combined auger, file and gauge, the outer surface having no less than 24,500 cutting surfaces. The animal grows rapidly, passing the dust through their bodies and discharging it at one of two syphons, which can be extended at pleasure from the opening of the wood. The other syphon is used for obtaining their food from the animalculae of the wajer. Two shelly appendages, of the form and shape of a flat file, are exposed on the surface of the wood and are used to free the opening from sediment and to prevent the attachment of barnacies. They deposit a white calcareous substance about the entire surface of the wood has a considerable of their cells. A sucker tongue-like organ is protruded from the circumference of the shell, attached firmly to the end of their galleries. They are thus enabled to work their boring apparatus with great efficiency. It is affirmed that the most effective auger in use has been recently patented by a shrewd Massachusetts Yankee who copied the teredo's impl

esting specimens of wood eaten by the teredo-spruce, pine, yellow pine, hemlock, oak and mahogincetown, New York, Norfolk, Pascagoula, Aspinwall

He also showed specimens of wood partially tre The teredo carefully avoided the creosote, but thoroughly perforated the untrested portions. He also exhibited the teredo, fourteen inches in length, pre-served in glycerine, crossote oil and crystallized car-bolic seid.

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The President of the association, Mr. Robert B. Roosevelt, read an exhaustive paper on the reproductive habits of cels. He briefly referred to the discovery of the eggs of cels, and quoted a statement of Professor Baird to the effect that they maintred their spawn in winter, when they are dormant and imbedded in the mud, and when they could not unite with the male. It subsequently appeared that the parent cels had been caught in the fall of the year, when they were in full activity and in the fresh water preparatory to spawning. Mr. Roosevelt extends the propagation of the statement of the propagation of the statement of the propagation of the statement of the propagation of with the maile. It subsequently appeared that the parent cets had been caught in the fall of the year, when they were in full activity and in the fresh water preparatory to spawning. Mr. Roosevelt expressed an opinion that they were part of those taken by Mr. Alikyns, in Maine—a locality in which it was probable that the eggs would mature earlier than with us, and at present there is no doubt about the truth of the discovery. The action of this society and the discovery the discovery was an action of the public attention to these fish, which for 2,000 years had been a stumbling block to the physical public attention to these fish, which for 2,000 years had been a stumbling block to the physical public attention to these fish, which for 2,000 years had been a stumbling block to the physical public attention to the sea in autumn to spawn and the ascent of the country in the discovery and the action of the discovery was an action of the young in spring to the fresh waters were discredited, and if not disproved are now shown to be at least exceedingly doubtful, while their entire method of reproduction is freed from the strange intories which surrounded it. It is no longer supposed that cels are hermaphrodite—the two sexes united in one fish occurs only in the lower form of animal life—nor that they produce their young alive, nor that they have more than one heart in their bodies, although we have not yet ascertained accurately where and when they ppawn; nor has an impregnated egg or a living spermatozoon been obtained. The presence of the eggs in the spawning fish was so apparent when the proper part was examined that it seemed impossible any difficulty could have ever arisen about it, and it now appears that nikny investigators knew or the existence of the eggs and had seen them frequent

I do not mean to say in suggesting the possibilities that eels do not breed in sait water, but I do know that they breed in fresh water, and that on Long Island the young go down the stream as soon as they are hatched. Absolutely mature eggs are yet to be found, for, although Mr. Blackford has found them in various conditions of maturity, and those first discovered by Professor Baird were far advanced, none, I believe, were actually ripe for emission, and until eggs are discovered we shall be in the dark as to the exact time of spawning. Bearing closely upon this question is the contingency that there may be connection between the sexes of cels instead of the focundation of the eggs after their extrasion. There is certainly considerable evidence on one side of this question and as yet none on the other. Mr. A. S. Fuller is reported in a recent interview to have said that "the researches of naturalists have not yet thrown light upon what are known as cel balls. Else, like snakes, link and twist ineffiselyes together, forming large clusters or balls. These balls are frequently found in the streams during the fail. The clusters are sometimes so large that they roll into mill races and clog the wheels."

A CUMOUS QUESTION.

This is entirely a suggestion, as I have no opinion to offer on so curious a question, but as it is a possibility it should not be neglected. But leaving anatonical questions to be settled by others, as fish calturists we know that cels containing ripemilt have never been seen, and until we can get the nailt in that condition it is of no vaine to us. For our own purposes one of the first things to do is to study these is h more carefully at night, which is the time they seem to prefer for many of their movements. There is one curious inconsistency about them. Mature eels can be transported reality, packed in barrels, and will live twenty-four to forty-eight hours without water. They are capable of

great endurance treated in this way, although they do not live in stagnant ponds, but the young are exceedingly delicate and cannot be carried any distance without frequent changes of water. From my experience I should say they would die as quickly as young trout. They grow rapidly and foed freely on one another. I have seen salmon fry choked by trying to swallow an eel of two inches in length, and I have opened an eel of no inches whose stomach was swelled into a round protuberance by the number of little eels which it contained. They eat all manner of little fish and almost any sort of foed. The fry when they first appear are like white threads on the water, but in a few weeks they are dark on the back and yellowish on the belly.

The run of the fry on Long Island begins on April 1 and closes entirely by May 24. So far as I have considered the question of the procreation habits of cels, on the theory that the eggs are deposited whether previously impregnated or not, and that they hatch after extrusion, I believe this to be the most natural and altogether the most probable theory, but I cannot ignore a considerable mass of testimony sustaining the idea that the young are born alive. There is nothing really incredible in the theory when tested by the facts which we can regard as established, although for my part I am not ready to place faith in it. In support of the theory President Roosevelt read a letter from Mr. James N. Wells, of Riverhead, L. L., and in conclusion he expressed the belief that they would soon have the necessary facts about these curious creatures.

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Mr. Seth Green spoke briefly upon the habits of whitefish, showing that they were not cared for properly in American waters. Mr. Hallock, editor of the Forest and Stream, testified in regard to the mortality of fishes in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Fred. Mather read a paper on aquarts and Mr. Phillips on prehistoric fishing and fishing implements.

The dinner in the evening was rather a jovial gathering than a formal banquet. Seth Green, the vetoran practical pissiculturist, in his brown velvet shooting jacket, roamed about cracking jokes here and there, and the officers and members seemed to vie with each other in contributing to the comfort of the guests. Hon. Robert B. Rooseveit presided and was fanked on either side by ex-Mayor Ely and Josquin Miller. The dinner was a triumph of the art of fish cooking and was keenly appreciated, for, as the President stated, the mean was one of the most varied ever presented.

Oysters on half shell. Hochheimer. Old Reserve.

Rots p'erve.

Scollops en coquille a la péchur. Sissoles of soft clams à la Point Shirley.

Chatean Yana

Chateau Yquem.

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Elikinas.

Alose de charlestor, farcie au gratin la Noth Groen

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Gueumber salad.

Munm's Extra Dry Champagne.

KNYRESE. Filet of striped bass with shrimps a la Baird.

Paupictus of English sole, with oysters.

Stewad terrapin, with cream a la Page.

Pate chaud, with quesnolies of pickorel.

Chablis.

Lone Fisherman
au rhum.

VEORTABLES.

French peas. String beans. French mushrooms.

COLD.

Lutjanus Blackfordî au beurre Montpellier.

Aspic of lobster à la ravigote.

Sardince sur socle à la parisienne.

Crabs stuffed à la Hell Gaste.

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Boast.

Brochette of eels is la tarture.
Oysters farcies is l'Americaine.
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The intellectual portion of the dinner was impromptu, there being no set order of toasts, and the gentiemen present kept up a running fire of jokes and puns. Mr. Roosevelt made a very happy address on the bill of fare, in which he punned on "Darne de saumon à la Roosevelt." and said he was not accustemed to such language, and in running down the list to "Brochette of Eels," called on Mayor Ely, who responded briefly in the same spirit. Spoeches were also made by Messrs. Pago, Foord, England, Mather, Phillips and Banks.

THE ELECTRO-MOTOGRAPH.

ING WITH THE ELECTRO MAGNET-PRICTION

yesterday, having on board Mr. C. P. Edison, who has taken with him one of the greatest inventions of ceeded in perfecting a great improvement in the telephone receiver, a Herand reporter went to Menlo Park to learn the nature of the instrument. Pro fessor Edison received the reporter very cordially and at once set about giving him all the details of his wonderful invention. He said he discovered the principle of the electro-motograph some five or six years ago. but did not apply it to the telephone receiver until quite recently.

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The description of the apparatus is as follows:—
A disphragm of mice four inches in diameter is held in a suitable framework. A hand crank is made to rotate a small chalk cylinder (previously impregnated with the proper chemical solution), with a continuous forward motion directly outward from the face of the disphragm. One end of a metal bar is fastened to the centre of the disphragm and the isfastened to the centre of the disphragm and the chalk cylinder, being held.

used being strictly local, either the power of hand or clockwork.

IN THE LABORATORY.

The two instruments taken to Europe by Mr. C. P. Edison were tested at the laboratory on Tuesday night, and found to work in a most admirable manner. They will be used by Professor Tyndall during his lectures on Professor Edison's inventions. The reporter was shown all the interesting features of the laboratory by one of the assistants. Everywhere could be seen the implements used by the Professor in his experiments on the electric light. Mr. Robinson is at present hard at work manufacturing two large phonographs, one to be presented to the Emperor of Brazil and the other to the Emperor of Germany. The one for the latter personage is nearly complete, and now and then gave evidence of its existence by shricking out whenever revolved the words of Hamlet's sollieguy, "To be or not to be; that is the question."

tion."

Regarding the electric light, Professor Edison is slowly but surely reaching the perfection he aims at. He is now completing the mechanism of his lamp, with a view to its adaptation to public and private lighting by electricity.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

At a meeting of the Park Commissioners yesterday, Edward P. Barker was appointed secretary of to the position of superintending engineer, for the improvement and construction of Riverade avenue, at a salary of \$400 per month. The late incumbent, at a salary of \$400 per month. The late incumbent, at a salary of \$400 per month of the Bureau of Construction, for which services he receives \$1,600 a year. It was ordered that work on Riverside avenue be resumed on the lat of March.

PENDER BEHIND THE BARS.

David Pender, who robbed Mrs. Augusta De Bary of her diamond earring while she was walking along Fifth avenue, reached Sing Sing Prison yesterday morning. Mr. Biglin, the principal, at once recognized Pender as an old immate there, and, although Pender at first stoutly denied that he had been there before, finally admitted that such was the fact, having served a term of two and a half years in Sing Sing and Clinton prisons under the name of Frank Hartnett, for petit larceny. His present term of twenty years may possibly be reduced by good behavior to about twelve years and four months.

RAPID TRANSIT.

MAYOR COOPER ASKED TO APPOINT A COMMISSION FOR LAYING OUT RAPID TRANSIT BOUTES

The petition of property owners and residents for a steam railway through Westchester county, which came up in the Supreme Court on Tuesday and was there verified according to law, was generally received as an indication that rapid transit is to be speedily extended to the annexed district. It was understood that the application was made on behalf of the Third avenue "L" road, the terminus of which, as laid out by the Rapid Transit Commission. which, as laid out by the Rapid Transit Commission, is at the Harlem Raliroad depot, at the junction of 131st street and Alexander avenue. Mr. Dudley Field, of counsel for the company, represented the applicants, among whom there are a number of promi-

nent citizens, and his partner, Mr. Deyo, in his absence, confirmed this impression, that the proposed road, which will be a surface railway, was to be an extension of the Third avenue "L." The following is the application in full:—

To KDWAID COOPER, Mayor of the City of New York:—
SIR—We make this application to you under the first section of chapter (35) of the Laws of, 1875, which provides as follows:—

Whenever it shall appear by the application of fifty reputable householders and taxpayers of any county in this state, verified upon oath bofore a judge of the Supreme Court, that there is need in such county of a steam railway or railways for the transportation of passengers, mails or freight, the Board of Supervisors of said county may, within thirty days after presentation to them of such ap-

Twenty-fourth wards.

We, therefore, respectfully request that you will appoint five commissioners, residents of the said city and county of New York, who shall have full power and sutherity to determine upon the successity of such steam railway or railways, and to fix and determine the routes by which the said New York Elevated Railroad may connect with any other steam railways, or the deports thereof, or with steam forries, and to do and provide all that the said commissioners are directed to do and provide by the said set.

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The application is now before Mayor Cooper, who, it is thought, will shortly appoint the five commissioners. The Metropolitan "L" Company, it is understood, will also make provision for an ultimate extension of their Second avenue line into the annexed district, and the new commission will, therefore probably have to lay out routes for both lines in such a manner that the interests of the residents, as well as both companies, shall be equally protected. Mayor Cooper could not be seen resterday on the subject, but it is said that he intends to appoint a thoroughly impartial commission, which shall satisfy both the people of the annexed district and the two rapid transit companies.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

ALLEGED BARTERING OF APPOINTMENTS ON THE "L" ROAD-A CONTRACTOR ACCUSED.

A case quite peculiar in its features, both as to A case quite peculiar in its features, both as to facts and law, was the subject of a decision by Judge McAdam in the Marine Court yesterday. It appeared on the trial that Henry Bradley had been a contractor for the construction in part of the New York "L" road. After the road became in running order it was intimated to William B. Cousens, as it is order it was intimated to William B. Cousens, as it is alleged, that for a consideration of \$100 he could obtain an appointment as conductor on the road. He swore he paid a part to Bradley, signed the necessary application, and, in due time being notified by Bradley that he had been appointed, paid him the balance. Cousens and seven others, who, it is also slieged, had been similarly situated, very soon discovered that their appointments were not made or had been revoked before they had even begun to realize the fruits thersof. The reason of this was, as testified to by officers of the company, that they discovered, in their opinion, some "crookedness" in the manner of procuring the appointments to be made. The disappointed parties say they at once demanded the return of their money from Bradley, but that he retused to give it to them, and all the cight clubbed their claims by assignment to Cousens, who brought the present suit against Bradley to recover the \$800 alleged to have been unlawfully and frandulently received-by him.

The description of the apparatus is as follows:—

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THE JURY DECLARE IF PRAUD.

"According to the finding of the jury the defendant obtained the money from the applicants by fraud. This fraud consisted in representing that the men had been appointed, when, in fact, they were not. In such a case the contract is lost in the fraud, which is the gravamen of the action. The contract is ignored and the fraud furnishes the right of action. The defendant having obtained the money of the applicants by fraud, according to the inding of the jury, I cannot see why the victims should not be restored to their former condition. For these reasons the motion for a new trial must be denied."

It was stated in the course of the trial that quite an amount of brokerage business of this character had been carried on in connection with the inauguration of rapid transit in this city.

BRANCHES OF "L" RAILROADS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26, 1879.

Allow me to make a suggestion in connection with your interesting article on rapid transit in this morning's HERALD. Every one concedes that the "branch" roads on the New York "L" are a mistake "branch" roads on the New York "L" are a mistake and a nuisance. Then why persist in building them? Why go to the trouble and expense of building that nonsensical branch on Thirty-tourth street when its object (of reaching the Long Island Railroad ferry) can be better accomplished by the Metropolitan "L" continuing up First avenue to Thirty-fourth street, instead of turning off on Twenty-third street, as they now propose to do? A great many believe this to be the most common sense arrangement and the most convenient and satisfactory to the public. Yours respectfully,

T. STRONG.

THIEVES RUN TO EARTH.

A BRACE OF BURGLARS WHO HAVE STOLEN THOUSANDS OF CHICKENS ON LONG ISLAND

Constables Smith and Schmidt and Deputy Sheriff Hance, of Flushing, L. I., on Tuesday night arrested in this city and took to Flushing two men, named Joseph Fink, alias Wolfgang, and Frederick Tim-mins, alias Anderson, charged with grand larceny, the specific allegation being that they stole a wagon from Jacob Deboo, of Newtown. Fink made a fession implicating Timmins, and then the latter made a somewhat similar confession.

When released some time ago from prison, where they both had been confined for burglary, they had \$40 apiece, with which they purchased two horses \$40 apiece, with which they purchased two horses and wagons and resumed their criminal career. Chicken stealing was their principal business, and in the time that they have been at, work they have stolen not less than three thousand, or 12,000 pounds, all of which they sold for eight cents a pound with the feathers on. They confess to having robbed Benjamin Franklin and J. R. Remsén, of Manhassett; Charles Skidmore and John H. Whitson, of Jamaica, twice; Peter Whitmore, James Manice and Mr. Hoople, of Hempstead; William Frame and

Charles Goldhorn, of Bayside; John Bahler, Daniel R. Schenck, Justice Armstrong and Alfred Areson, of North Hempstead. From these people they took over six hundred chickens. Fink stabled his horse in First street and Timmins stabled his in Eddriges street. They used the Grand street ferry in their trips to and from the country. On one occasion they made a raid at Hicksville, and were stopped by two men armed with a gun and a club. Timmins jumped out and offered to fight either of them, and engaged their attention while Finz got away with the booty. He returned to the city the next morning. They always carried a jimmy and marknepike, and once Fink used the latter they killed and carried the checkens in bage to the highway, presently driving along to pick them up, and were shot at by Edward Deane, who with others were in ambush to receive them, but only the horse was hit. Later in the night Fink returned over the same road, while Timmins walked another way and was stopped, but allowed to pass on telling them that he had met a horse without a driver. His horse was bleeding badly from one flank. On the night before New Year's they stole from one place at Manhassett 150 pounds of chickens and 80 pounds from a place at Springfield. They attempted, also, to break into a farmhouse near by, but were driven off by the incessant barking of a dog inside. One afternoon Fink left the city alone to commit a burglary at Winfield and slept until near midnight in the depot at Woodside. While walking to Winfield he was struck by a locomotive on the Flushing Railroad and had one leg broken.

Justice Lawrence committed them for the Grand Jury, which meets on Monday. It is the District Attorney's intention to convict them on a sufficient number of indictments to send them to the State Prison for thirty years each.

INSURANCE TROUBLES.

PROM ARREST-AFFAIRS OF THE GLOBE AND

terday in Supreme Court, Chambers, on the opening of the court. It was anticipated that there would be a lengthy argument on the motion to discharge the order of arrest against Frederick A. Freeman. the order of arrest sgainst Frederick A. Freeman. Counsel on both sides were present, Mr. Freeman being represented by Messrs. Mann & Parsons, and Mr. William C. Trull opposing the motion on behalf of Henry R. Pierson. Instead, however, of the lengthy arguments anticipated, the counsel were exceedingly brief, on the one side it being contended that the facts set forth in the affidavits on which the order of arrest was granted established a clear case of fraud and would not justify the vacation of the order, and on the other side it being claimed that of fraud and would not justify the vacation of the order, and on the other side it being claimed that Mr. Freeman had done nothing illegal in the premises, but only followed a long established precedent. The case was then submitted to Judge Donohue for his decision on the former papers, no new affidavits or papers of any kind being presented. Judge Donohue promised an early decision.

Mr. Freeman was, of course, remanded to the custody of Deputy Sheriff McGonigal. So far as any criminal proceedings against Mr. Freeman or others are concerned, the assistant receiver, Mr. Frothingham, said that no steps had been taken to acquaint the authorities with the matter, and he did not know that anything would be done in that direction.

THE DISTRICTED GLOBE.

The internal derangement of the Globe Life Insurance Compay, springing from the opposition of some of the officers and directors to Mr. Frederick Froeman, is not yet settled. It may be that certain of the directors will inmay be that certain of the directors will insist upon his removal, but just now they appear to be waiting the results of Mr. Picrson's suit. Insurance Superintendent Smyth returned to Albany yeaterday. An officer of the Stato was asked by the reporter what would become of the much talked of mortgage of \$120,000 in case Mr. Pliny Freeman resigned. The answer was that the mortgage was now securely vested in the assets of the company and Mr. Freeman could not claim it. This mortgage that has played so important a part in the recent history of the Globe was first put among the assets in order to increase the company's surplus to the amount required by the Massachusetts department. It was on Mr. Freeman's property in Harlem, and was said to have been presented by him to the company with the understanding that when they had accrued \$120,000 more than the required surplus it should, by resolution of the directora, be returned to him. When first added to the company's list of mortgages it was credited in the income statement to premium receipts. This was discovered in the recent examination by Deputy Superintendent McCall, and the clearness of the company's title to it was questioned. It has since, however, according to the statement of one of the officers, been satisfactorily agranged.

Deputy Superintendent McCall examined the

REPORTER—Is it true, as stated, that you are about to institute proceedings against some of the officers of the Globe Life Insurance Company on the ground of breach of trust?

Attorney General Schoonnare.—It is; on Friday, when I left home for Washington, I instructed my deputy to prepare the papers on which to commence a suit in the Supreme Court for the removal of some of the others of that company. No report has been made to me against the corporation, but the report of Deputy Superintendent McCall, which Mr. Smyth transmitted to me about last Wednesday, inculpates the officers of the Globe Life Insurance Company. I shall, of course, commence proceedings for the removal of such of the officers as ought to be removed on the representations made in the report. Accompanying the report of Mr. McCall was a communication from Superintendent Smyth, in which he called attention to the apparent mismanagement on the part of some of the officers, and stated that as he had no power to remove thom he would leave the matter with me.

REPORTER—May I ask whether the proceedings you are about to inaugurate are of a criminal character? Attorney General Schoonnarken—No; the object of the suit is only the removal from their official positions in the company of such officers as shall have been proved guilty of mismanagement. If they have been guilty of perjury or have sworn to false reports of the condition of the company that would be a matter for the District Attorney of New York to attend to.

REPORTER—It is said that the officers of the company are prepared to resign their positions; should they do so, how would that affect the suit can accomplish nothing beyond the removal of the officers, and if they do resign there will be no necessity for prosecuting it, as the object will have been attained. According to Mr. McCall's report there was a great deal of mismanagement. I assume that all the facts relating to such mismanagement are in Mr. McCall's report, and if those charges can be proved they will make a strong case.

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ny? attorney General Schoonmaker—At Albany, I nk; at least that place would be more convenient think; at least that place would be more convenient for me.

EKEPONTER—Has your presence in this city this evening any significance in regard to the affairs of the Globe Lafe Insurance Company? Attorney General SCHOONMAKER—None whatever; I am simply stopping here temporarily while on my way home.

SCRANTON COAL SALE.

The Delaware, Lackswanna and Western Railroad Company sold 100,000 tons of Scranton coal at auction yesterday. The coal is to be delivered at Hobeken during the month of March, and was divided

ROMAGNANI'S SERFS.

ARREST OF AN ITALIAN PADRONE AND THE FORCED RELEASE OF HIS YOUTHFUL SLAVES-ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE HUMANITARIANS.
In the early part of the present year the Society
for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children were made
aware of the unlawful acts of one Giovani Romagnani,
an Italian padrone, who has been travelling through
the country with a number of young children whom
he had bought from their unnatural parents in
Calabria or thereabouts. By their performance on
harp and violin he was said to have accumulated a
large sum of money, but he repaid the afforts of his

harp and violin he was said to have accumulated a large sum of money, but he repaid the efforts of his serfs only by crueity and neglect.

The society made several attempts to track Romagnani; but so quickly did he pass from town to town and so cleverly did he cover his traces that they might have failed in their search had not a very timely communication reached the Italian-Consul. It was dated Syracuse, and signed by the four boys who were then compulsorily following the padrone's fortunes. In this peculiar missive the children described their unhappy plight, told how they had been purchased from their parents by the promise of an annual payment of \$20, and went on to describe how their hard taskmaster starved them, abused them and subjected them to constant drudgery and ill-treatment. "Be very careful," wrote the Consul's youthful correspondents, "to advise the police to run away, while we will have to follow him, as we

and leave us to starve. Your Excellency will tell
the police of the city and will give the following
name, Giovani Romagnani, with four boys; they
will find in our room the money made out of our
labor, which he keeps in a trunk. We hope that
Your Excellency will give us justice and punish this
tyrant as an assassin and, cruel man. In his trunk
he keeps many little things he makes us steal."
The address appended was that of a low Italian
lodging house in Syracuse. The Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Children took immediato
measures to secure the padrone's arrest, but
Romagnan had loft the city
heaton reached though, and last week they located
the man in the def though, and last week they located
the man in Utica. To Chief of Police Dwyer, of that
city, a communication was addressed by Mr.
E. Fellows Jonitins, the superintendent of
the society, urging him to use his
best efforts to secure the padrone and
to relieve the four bond-children from slavery. The
Utics Chief ordered his assistants to look up the
Italians, and speedily succeeded in coming across
one of the boys, Nicols by name, who after denying
his identity for a time at length made a general admission inculpating Romagnani and exposing more
of that scoundrel's netarious practices. The padrone
himself was soon in custody, and though he exercised sufficient influence, over the children to make
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EXCHANGING SHOTS

Burglars were detected, about two o'clock yesterday morning, in the act of forcing an entrar the watch and jewelry store of Mr. Charles Hyatt, on

NIGHT SCHOOL CLOSING.

School No. 27, East Forty-second street, to witness the closing exercises of the evening school held there under the principal, Mr. Frank J. Coleman. Trus-

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The Photo Plate Company was sold out by the Sheriff yesterday. The property realized \$1,000 over and above the chattel mortgage. The company had a capital of \$10,000, the officers being T. A. Raisbeck, president, and J. Raisbeck, secretary.

Gustave Huerstel, dealer in iron and steel, has made an assignment to Arnold J. D. Wedemeyer, giving two preferences.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

McDonald-Hall.—On Wednesday, the 19th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Donovan, of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Bernard McDonald to Sarah W. the Evangelist, Bernard McDonald to Sarah W. Hall.
Schnapp—Beck.—On February 25, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. C. W. Millard, Louis Schnapp, of Peckskill, to Louisa Beck, of New York.

ANDERSON.—A solemn mass of requiem, "Months Mind," will be offered in St. Gabriel's Church, East 37th st., this morning, the 27th mst., at half-past nine o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Edward H. Anderson. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

AUSRA—On Wednesday, February 26, SARAH AUSER, reliet of Elias Auser, deceased, aged 87 years.

Funeral services at the residence of her son-in-law, w. O. Mills, Fiatbush, L. I., on Friday, 28th inst., at two o'clock P. M. Relatives and friends are respectfully myited to attend, without further notice.

AVERY.—On Tuesday, February 25, ALPRED D., only son of Rebecca K. and the late Horatio M. Avery, in the 28th year of his age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, at his late residence, No. 42 West 125th st., on Friday, February 28, at three P. M. Interment at Orangh, N. J.

BRITTAN.—At New York, on Wednesday, February 26, CATSARINE ELIZABETH LYON, wife of Samuel B. Brittan, M. D., aged 60 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

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Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funerallat the residence of her mother, No. 286 1st av., this Thursday, one o'clock P. M.

Bacramento (Cal.) papers please copy.

BRUCE.—Suddenly, of Bright's disease, at Santa Ross, Cal., on Friday, February 2f. Alexander Bruce, Edinburgh (Scotland) papers please copy.

Burns.—At his residence, in Elizabeth, N. J., Captain Harry Burns, of Savannah, Ga.

Savannah (Ga.) papers please copy.

Camulos.—In Philadelphia, on the evening of 25th inst., Channes Cammlos, in the 71st year of his age. Funeral on Friday, at nine A. M., from his late residence, 2.269 Walnut st.

CLINTON.—On Monday, February 24, 1879, MATTHEW CLINTON, aged 63 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, this (Thursday) morning, at half-past nine, from his late residence, 163 King st., thence to St. Joseph's Church, 6th av.

COLLINS.—On Wednesday morning, February 28, 1879, DENIS D. COLLINS, in his 59th year.

Funeral from his late residence, 342 East 12th st., Friday, at two P. M. Relatives and friends invited.

Davison.—In New Utrocht, L. I., on Tuesday, ELIZABETH B., widow of Clement Davison, in her 90th year.

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Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, on Thursday, the 27th, at half-past two o'clock, without further no-

tice.

Donserr.—On Tuesday, February 25, after a short illness, Many, daughter of the late John Dorastt. Funeral from her late residence, 134 West 4th st. on Thursday, the 27th inst., at two P. M. Relatives and friends invited to attend without further notice. Fuurnment.—On Wednesday. February 26, 1879, Germunde Huggins, wife of J. Henry Fruitnight, M. D.

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Groven.—On Tuesday, February 2b, Catharing, widow of Cornelius Glover, a native of Kings county, Ireland, in her 57th year.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, 224 East 53d st., on Thursday, February 27th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

HAMILTON,—On the 26th inst., of consumption, Edward H. Hamilton, in the 34th year of his age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, 119 South lat st., Brooklyn, E. D., on Friday, at one o'clock.

Wilmington (N. C.) papers please copy.

HAMILTON.—On Wednesday, February 26, Joseph B. Hamilton,—On Wednesday, February 25, at two P. M.

HANLEY.—On Tuesday, February 25, at her late residence, 409 East 122d st., Katz, the beloved wife of Thomas J. Hanley and cldest daughter of Francis and Catherine Evans.

The remains will be taken to St. Patrick's Cathedral, whore a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul, on Friday, at half-past ten o'clock, and from thence to Calvary Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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KNAPP.—At Greenwich, Conn., February 26, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. James H. Knapp, Joseph F. Knapp.

Funeral at the church, at Greenwich, on Saturday, at ten o'clock A. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend in his 35th year.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited t

between Lexington and 3d avs., Thursday, February 27, at one o'clock.

Trowbridge, Wiltahire, England, papers please copy.

Mason.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, February 25, Edward F. Mason, 22 years of age.

Funeral services at his late residence, 151 State st., on Saturday, March 1, at two o'clock.

MacCaskill..—On Tuesday, February 25, Christina MacDonald, wife of Alexander MacCaskill.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 14 Dominick street, on Thursday, February 27, at one P. M.

North Carolina papers please copy.

McCaubrey.—In Brooklyn, February 26, John Mo-Caubrey.—In Brooklyn, February 26, John Mo-Caubrey.—In Brooklyn, February 26, John Mo-Caubrey.—In Brooklyn, on February 25, 1879.

Charles McConnell., in the 64th year of his age.

Funeral on Friday, at two P. M., from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. S. Keer, No. 304 Jay 8t.

McConnell.—In Brooklyn, on February 25, 1879.

Charles McConnell, in the 64th year of his age.

Isolatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 8 3d st., on Friday, the 28th inst., at two P. M.

McEnemery.—Suddenly, Thomas McEnemery. of county Louth, Ireland, aged 22 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 360 Greenwich St., on Thursday, February 27, at two o'clock.

McKedon.—On the 26th inst., Annis, youngest child of Owen and Mary A. McKeogh.

Funeral from 1,534 2d av., on Thursday, February 27, at one o'clock P. M.

O'Buinn.—On Tuesday, February 25, suddenly, of heart disease, Janks O'Buien, aged 53 years.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, 334 East 25th st., on Friday, 28th inst., at two o'clock.

O'Grady,—In St., son of Richard O'Grady, in the 24th year of his age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 904 10th av., on Thursday, February 27, at two o'clock.

O'Grady,—In Honey, 28th inst., at her late residence,

O'SHEA.—On Tuesday, 25th inst., at her late residence, 226 East 35th st., Mrs. Many O'Shea, in her 78th year.

The relatives and friends of the family and of her sons-in-law, Lawrence D. Klernan and the late Stephen J. Colahan, are invited to sittend the funeral, from St. Gabriqi's Church, East 37th st., where a solemn high mass of requiem will be offered, on Friday morning, at ten o'clock. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

PALMER.—At Mamaroneck, on Tuesday, February 25, BENJAMIN F. PALMER, St.

Funeral services at the residence of his brother-in-law, Robert Palmer, on Friday, February 28, at half-past one P. M.

PHEAN.—On Monday, February 24, SERAPHINA, wife of James J. Phelan, in the 25th year of her age, Friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 234 East 60th st., on Thursday, the 27th inst., at ten A. M., to the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, Lexington av. and 65th st.

QUICK.—On the 26th, IDA BELLE QUICK, daughter of David R. and Emma L. Quick, agod 6 years and 8 months.

Funcari from residence of her grandfather, John M. Reynolda, 111 Noble st., Greenpoint, this Thursday, at two o'clock.

QUINLAN.—In Brooklyn, February 25, of pneumonia, Sarah L. Eyerissa, wife of William J. Quinlan. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, at her late residence, No. 186 South Oxford st., on Thursday, February 27, at four o'clock. Please omit flowers.

Shaw.—On Tuesday, February 25, Samuel Shaw, of Yorkshire, England, aged 66 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from 186 Spring st., on Thursday, 27th inst., at two P. M.

SOWERBY.—On Wednesday, February 26, Marx And SOWERBY.—On Wednesday, February 26, Marx And SOWERBY, wife of the late George B. Sowerby.

Her remains will be taken from her late residence, 301 East 27th st., to Calvary Chapel, East 23d st., and hence to Woodlawn Cemetery. on Friday, at one o'clock. Friends, and members of Monitor Lodge, 528, F. and A. M., are respectfully invited to attend. Springstreen.—On Tuesday evening, February 25, Arrans Springstreen, in the 57th year of his age.

Funeral services from his late residence, 26 Christopher st., this (Thursday) evening, at 6 o'clock. Interment at Rockland county.

STRENZ.—On Tuesday, February 25, 1879, Charless STRENZ.—On Tuesday, February 26, Marx STRENZ.—On Tuesday, February 27, at two P. M., from his late residence, 240 Grand st., New York. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Taylon.—At New Cansan, Conn., Monday, February 27, at two P. M., from his late residence, 240 Grand st., New York. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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TANIOR.—At New Canasn, Conn., Monday, February 24, of consumption, HATTIE A., only daughter of John and H. N. Barbour, and wife of A. Edward Taylor, of New York, in the 34th year of her age.

Funeral Thursday, 27th inst., at two o'clock P. M., from the residence of her parents in New Canasn, No flowers. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. TARBELL.—Suddenly, Wednesday, February 26, membraneous croup, Malcolm Vennam, only chi of Frank P. and Ruth J. Tarbell, aged 2 years

membraneous croup, MALCOLM VENNAID, only child of Frank P. and Ruth J. Tarbell, aged 2 years, 9 months.

Funeral from the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. H. T. Porter, 79 South 9th st., Brooklyn, E. D., on Friday, February 28, at two P. M.

VAN DEWATER.—At Silver City, Utah, on 24th inat., John L. Van DEWATER, formerly of New York city, in the 61st year of his age.

WADE.—February 26, Petrin Wade, aged 54.

Relatives and friends are requested to attend \$\epsilon \text{dreft} or \text{dreft} at 16th st., on Friday, 28th inst., at two P. M.

WADELL.—On January 17, of yellow fever, in mid-ocean, while homeward bound from Rio de Janeiro, South America, Ronkert Gerkan, in his 18th year, fourth son of William A. and Sarah E. Waddell, of Baltimore, Md.

WESTERVELT,—On Thesday, February 25, Peter C. Westerbyrket, aged 55 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 145 Pavonia sv., Jorsey City, on Friday, February 28, at half-past one P. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

WILPSON.—On Tuesday, February 25, Louis M. Wilpson, son of the late Michael Wilfson, in his 32d year.

Relatives and friends, also members of the Mount

Willison, son of the late Michael Willson, in his 32d year.

Belatives and friends, also members of the Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 71, F. S. of larnel, are invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, the 28th inst., at ten A. M., from his late residence, 400 West 24th st. San Francisco papers please copy.

Members of Mount Vernon Lodge, 71, L. O. F. S. of I., are invited to attend the runoral of our late brother, Louis M. Wilfsohn, 450 West 24th st., Friday, February 28, at ten o'clock A. M.

WRIGHT.—On Wednesday afternoon, February 26, NEZIAH WRIGHT, in the 75th year of his age.

The friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, at his late residence, No. 36 7th st., on Saturday, at two P. M. It is kindly requested that no flowers be sent.